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NIAGARA IN WINTER. THE FALLS ROUTE.

A longing desire to see Niagara in winter, the new cantilever bridge, and other sights, natural and mechanical, led the writer and a neighboring friend to board the sleeper "Hillsdale" on the Michigan Central's recent important acquisition—the Canada Southern railroad—one night last week. The next morning found us at Port Erie, where tickets were furnished by the conductor for passage over the branch road to Clifton on the Canada side or Suspension Bridge on the other. At present the Canada Southern train is running direct to Buffalo over the Grand Trunk bridge and they will continue to be until the new cantilever structure is wholly completed and in shape for permanent business. It is intended by the Michigan Central railroad to run all trains on and after the first of February next by this branch route, over the cantilever bridge and down the American side, running the trains at a little more speed and thus arriving at Buffalo at about the same time as now, though the distance around is considerably longer than by the present almost direct route. By the branch road, passengers are given the best, and it must be said the only view of the great cataract of Niagara. The sight from the suspension bridge only tends to excite one's curiosity for a good view, and as the trains never get any nearer, that curiosity is never satisfied. The Canada Southern branch runs directly past the falls, and for the purpose of giving the occupants of the train a good opportunity to see them, the high bank east of the track has been cut away and here the train stops to give all a splendid chance to take in.

AMERICA'S GREATEST WONDER. This point of view is not more than one hundred feet from the roaring and seething waters as they plunge over the rocks to the mighty abyss below, so it will be seen that it is the end nearest touched by any railroad. Through travelers remain on board the train and are drawn to the village of Suspension Bridge over the famous structure from which the place derives its name. As stated above the new cantilever bridge will be used about the 1st of February. So much has been said and written about this thoroughfare that it is needless to go into details here. It is indeed a substantial, yet very simple structure and must be seen to be fully understood. Its location is just south of the suspension bridge about 150 feet. It is built considerably higher than the old bridge and consequently obstructs the unsatisfactory view of the falls which formerly was to be had from the suspension bridge. From it can be seen the whirlpool rapids and the impressive scenery along the winding, rugged banks of the river. That the Michigan Central has formed its road the "Niagara Falls route" is therefore not to be wondered at.

Visitors to the falls alight at the new suspension (foot) bridge and are almost immediately

TACKLED BY HACKMEN. The Niagara hackmen is one of the curiosities that is almost as old as the cataract itself. He dates back scores of years, and if history is correct, there has been no change in his construction except in his facial development, and which has no comparison. But to get an unobstructed view of the Niagara hackmen's cheek, he must be seen in winter. The visitors are scarce, and those who do come are pounced upon by these odorous beings like a starving vulture upon a

MASS OF CARRION. A stranger can spot him as quick as he can the stranger. I can see one now, a long, lean, lanky, mosquito-complexioned being, with eyes bulging from the sockets, and a tongue that knows not when to stop, so perpetually does it obey the impulses of the voracious mind in the upper story.

THE FIRST ENCOUNTER. We had read of these hackmen over since we discarded swaddling clothes and as this was to be our first visit to the falls, we purposed to be on the

alert. As we walked to the edge of the cliff, one of these land sharks approached us with an open, inviting vehicle and proposed that we get in to take a tour of the falls. It would cost us only \$3 for a wonderful ride of three miles. We started wildly at the bold, bad man and treated him with silent contempt—a treatment that we would have been ashamed to have bestowed upon a poor, miserable dog at home. But the hackmen—he was cocky of one part brass and two parts cheek—and resented our insulting conduct by giving his tongue a whirl and explaining the many beautiful, gorgeous and wonderful things to be seen by taking a ride in his vehicle. He followed us to the bridge and as we passed out of sight, we waved our handkerchiefs at him, letting a farewell "ta ta" escape our lips to be carried to his ears on the rising gust from the great water falls.

MORE LAND SHARKS. Fifty cents allowed up to cross the bridge and fall into the jaws of another hackman on the American side. He spoke his little stereotyped piece but we came back at him, by telling him that he had made the mistake of his life; that we were residents of the place and that the wares we carried were filled with solid linen. He thought he had made a grave error and fell back in his seat paralyzed.

BLACKMAN III stood around the corner. He was decidedly an improvement on the other two, in the way of dress, manner and price, but he failed to rope us into his conveyance. And thus it went until we were talking hungry and sought a secluded spot in the Spencer house dining room to brace up two dilapidated Michigan constitutions. Leaving our grips under check, we ventured out again after dinner and by the time we had arrived at Goat Island one of these Niagara blood-sucking curiosities had tackled us.

A GRAND TRIUMPH. One fellow had followed us three or four blocks back of a fancy store where there is a sign board "Free" nailed up on a railing bordering on the falls. We had gone there to breathe, talk, turn around and look up and about; having the assurance that it would cost nothing. We saw him coming a block away and read his mind as well as if he carried a great big placard telling his business. Our first impulse was to give him the deaf and dumb "market," which we did very successfully, he turning upon his heel and asking himself "what consumed asylum had broken loose." Then we regained our senses of speech and hearing, and negotiated with the man until he agreed to take us over the entire course for 25 cents, he guaranteeing that "the information he would give us would be worth twice the price of admission." He offered no chrome, coal stove, or other inducement, so we were undecided whether to become his shipmates. We had some doubts about the soundness of his conveyance, and for ten minutes we kept the fellow on the anxious seat. We examined the horse's teeth, sounded the runners, tested the springs of the seat, and finally concluded we would go over the course on foot and give our muscled a chance to make a record. At this announcement, the hackman fainted dead away, completely knocked out of time, and Miss Host Gluck, of the Spencer House, says this is the first instance of the kind that has happened since Table Rock fell in 1859. This we marked down as one grand triumph, and we are expecting letters every day from publishers asking permission to print in the Niagara Guide for 1884 for the benefit of the innocent public.

ON TO THE FALLS. The visitor, after passing the second bridge to Goat Island, takes the right hand road, which soon brings him to the foot of the main island, where a stairway descends to the water's edge and connects with Luna Island. The spray from the falls has given the trees and everything an icy coating on the side nearest the cataract. The highest trees have this beautiful half dressing, and in the rays of a bright December sun present an appearance of grandeur

never to be forgotten. The bridge, stairs, and everything under the bridge, is covered with frozen spray to the thickness of about a foot and the glarry surface makes traveling tedious and hazardous. One mist-step will let you tumble over the first-eldest cliff to the yawning abyss, 160 feet below.

From Goat Island, situated at the very brink, can be had an excellent view of the American falls and rapids, of the masses of rock at the foot of the wall covered with ice and frost formations, and of the gorge below.

DOWN THE STAIRS. The next point of interest was the Biddle stairs, where opens the first view of the Great or Horseshoe Fall. These stairs descend to the pathway below the bank, and that leads to the foot of either fall. The icy covering renders the passage extremely difficult and dangerous, so that we did not attempt to visit the Cave of the Winds, which is such a romantic spot in the summer season. Overhanging were immense pieces of rock almost ready to fall, cracked from the main body by frost. Here and there water had oozed from the crevices, and long, giant icicles had formed.

TERRAPIN BRIDGE. Further to the right along the bank are stairs leading to Terrapin bridge and rocks, where the old tower stood. From here can be obtained the best general view of Niagara to be had anywhere. Looking down, the white foam reaches far out into the rapids, striking the immense ice-covered rocks and sending the spray high into the air.

OTHER SIGHTS. From the south side of the island is obtained the best views of the Canadian rapids. The Three Sister Islands, situated in the midst of the rapids, offer new and unsurpassed views. The cascades under the bridges are those above, formed over the ledges of rock are among the most charming sights at Niagara.

At the head of the island, one sees how the long bar extending up stream divides the water into two channels. The weather had not been of sufficient severity previous to our visit to give Niagara its most handsome winter dress, yet from the formations already there we could readily imagine the wonderful frost and ice work that is almost annually seen at this attractive resort.

GIVEN GRATIS. We learned about Niagara. That Niagara is a trial name. That the falls have receded 76 feet in 175 years. That Niagara merchant, has a learned

That the first bridge was built to the island in 1817. That Goat Island was once a favorite Indian burying ground. That 100,000,000 odd tons of water pass over the falls every hour. That Father Hennepin was the first visitor to the falls in 1678. That the height of the American fall is 165 feet; of the Canadian fall 160 feet.

That the average depth of the river below the falls is 100 feet; above the falls 20 feet. That 25 cents will go as far as \$2 if you hang on to it long enough. That a newly married couple was ever known to survive the attacks of Niagara-hackmen.

That the first suspension bridge was built in 1855; new suspension bridge in 1863; entire length 1,230 feet. That Terrapin tower, destroyed in 1873, was built in 1833, was 45 feet high and 12 feet in diameter at the base.

That the Biddle stairs shaft is 30 feet long and a person must have two pairs of lungs to crawl around it without puffing.

That in 1779 John Steadman, having cleared a portion of the upper end of Goat Island, placed there several goats. The following winter was very severe, navigation was impossible, and they all died. From that time people have called it Goat Island. The name of Iris Island has been applied to it, but has failed to popularize itself.

All of which is respectfully submitted. — Timothy, in C. C. Tribune.

The most successful journalistic venture in the West for many years is the Detroit Evening Journal. It is now only four months old and has a circulation of nearly 17,000, with an increase of from 100 to 500 every week. Its special attention to Michigan matters has already made it a favorite throughout the State, and no Detroit paper covers the field more fully. It is now an established institution, and no daily in the West can point to a like success in the same space of time. No evening paper publishes more complete telegraphic news, and its market reports are endorsed by the Detroit Board of Trade as the reliable and satisfactory arrangement of commercial news given to Michigan readers.

LOGGING AT MUSKOGON. A correspondent writes from Muskogon: "The logging operations of the present winter are, unusually light. The new logs to be put in on the Muskogon and tributaries will not exceed 375,000,000 feet, while last winter the log crop reached fully 500,000,000 feet. From this it would be naturally inferred that the operations at the mills next season will be proportionately light. There can be no other conclusion. The logs now in the booms and river drives will not exceed 200,000,000 feet, and adding to these figures the new logs, the total log crop for next season will be about 625,000,000 feet. Of course some of these logs will not reach the mills in time to be cut, and consequently Muskogon will have the shortest log crop ever known in comparison with the capacity of the mills, which is over 700,000,000 feet. One of the best evidences of the dullness of the lumber business this winter is the large amount of unused money in the banks. At this time last year the two banks here had about \$250,000 each on hand, while this year there is lying idle over \$500,000. A bank cashier told me last night that there was no great number of borrowers this winter for logging purposes; indeed, he said, the best men are doing less than ever before known. What bears on the mill owners bears on the laborers, and the thousands of wage earners were never so hard up. The recent statistics, gathered by order of Labor Commissioner Metcalf, show that their condition is very bad, but that few of them have anything ahead, with no work in the lumber woods."

Demorest's Monthly for January, 1884, is an unusually entertaining number, and exceedingly rich in illustrations. Among the articles of interest may be mentioned "On the Thames," "Sentiment and Science in Philanthropy," by Rev. O. B. Frothingham; "How We Live in New York," by Henry June, and "The Home of Dorothy Vernon." The interesting serial "The Shores of Nothing" is continued, and "The World's Progress" and other departments are full, useful, and varied. The frontispiece is a fine steel engraving of Sir Frederick Leighton's celebrated painting, "Wedded."

R. R. TIME-TABLE—MACKINAW DIVISION.

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EPITOME OF THE WEEK.

Interesting News Compilation.

From Washington.

For the week ending on the 20th ult. the issue of silver dollars amounted to 297,508, against 1,014,000 during the same time last year.

A grand reception was given at the White House on the 17th by President Taft.

It is shown by the annual report of Dun's Mercantile Agency that \$1,854,444 were received in the United States in 1893, the total amount of liabilities being \$172,874,772. The failures were divided as follows: Eastern States, 1,197; Middle, 2,194; Southern, 1,841; Western, 2,991; Pacific States and Territories, 1,400. The number of failures in 1893 was 6,788.

The total internal revenue receipts for the six months of the fiscal year ended on the 31st ult. amounted to \$51,747,727.

The public debt statement for December is as follows: Total debt (including interest), \$1,674,145,323. Cash in Treasury, \$270,371,394. Debt, amount in Treasury, \$1,403,773,929. Decrease during the month, \$11,743,337. Decrease since June 30, 1893, \$35,300,163.

The resignation of George W. McCarty, formerly Secretary of War, as Judge of the Eighth Circuit, was sent to President Arthur on the 23rd inst. Judge McCarty has contracted with the Santa Fe Road to be its general counsel for five years, with headquarters at Kansas City.

In the United States losses from fire during 1893 aggregated \$103,000,000. There were 194 fires where the loss exceeded \$100,000. The December fire record showed an aggregate loss of \$11,000,000.

The Treasury purchased 435,000 ounces of silver for the Philadelphia and New Orleans mints on the 2d. The cost of the mints for December was \$5,433,041, of which \$2,834,170 was standard dollars.

It has been decided by Attorney-General Brewster that in order to be entitled to pay for issuing and paying money orders, postmaster must personally perform the services required in the business.

In the United States 282 business failures were reported to *Business Week* during the seven days ended on the 14th, twenty-two more than the preceding seven days, and 120 more than the corresponding time of 1892. About seventy-nine per cent. were of small traders whose capital was less than \$50,000.

Stamps valued at \$10,017,000 were sold in the United States during the quarter ended on September 30, 1893. These returns were for the quarter preceding the reduction in postage.

Three highest clerks in the Revenue Office were discharged on the 14th by Commissioner Dutton, on charge of frequent gambling losses.

The East.

The New York & New England Railroad property has been placed in the hands of a receiver. Its indebtedness is over \$1,500,000.

At a meeting of the Postal Telegraph Company in New York City a few days ago John W. Mackay, of Virginia City, Nev., was elected President. The placing of lines throughout the country was reported to be rapidly going forward.

The opening of the New York, West Shore & Buffalo Railroad for through business traffic took place on the 1st.

The annual session of the Massachusetts Legislature convened on the 2d. An election for Congress from the Twelfth District was ordered January 17, owing to the resignation of Governor-elect Robinson.

On the river nine miles from Pittsburgh the tugboat *N. B. Buntin* was set on fire by a collision with a log boom a few days ago. Most of the crew sprang overboard, and three were drowned.

Information has been received by Secretary Chandler that the bodies of Lieutenant De Long and his comrades will probably reach New York by February 1.

At five o'clock the other evening a bolt of fire from Cape Cod was seen slowly dropping toward the earth, and then moving rapidly upward. After sailing the sky for five minutes it exploded into many colored stars.

The marriage of Olevia J. Smith, aged sixteen, and Amelia Kase, aged thirteen, occurred a few days ago at Jacksonville, Fla.

The death is announced of Rev. Francis Hawley, of Hartford, father of the Connecticut Senator.

The inauguration of George D. Robinson as Governor of Massachusetts took place on the 1st. His message to the Legislature is full of promises to make obligatory, and to enforce the strict enforcement of the liquor law.

In the Oxford district, near Stratford, Pa., a fire-damp explosion the other day wrecked the mine and imprisoned forty men for some time, of whom were fourteen seriously hurt, and one fatally.

RUSSELL SAGE, it is reported, lost one million dollars in stock speculations in New York on the 3d.

A collision near Newcastle, Pa., of mail and freight trains a few days ago fatally hurt two persons, and a number of others were badly injured.

The execution of Robert Martin, aged fifty-three, and James B. Graves, aged sixty-four, for murder, took place on the 2d at Newark, N. J.

The other day E. H. Kable, who was the confidential clerk of Sperry & Barnes, commissioner of the New York State Lottery, and who had won ninety thousand dollars belonging to the firm, was arrested in Chicago and taken to New York, where on the 3d he made a confession, and about \$30,000 of the stolen money was recovered from hiding-places in cisterns and out-houses.

At Boston on the 3d the annual record of shipwreck and loss of life in the Gloucester Fisheries was made up, showing that seventeen vessels and 350 lives had been lost during the year. Forty of the men are known to have left widows, and the number of fatherless children of which there is a record is sixty-eight.

ARRANGEMENTS are being perfected by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to construct its own sleeping-cars, as the twenty-year contract with the Pullman Company is about to expire.

During the year 1893 63,000,000 bushels of grain were exported from New York, and special imports exceeded the exports by \$15,000,000.

ON THE 11th ROBERT A. MARLEY was engaged in a quarrel in Boston, and with \$40,000 of money belonging to him was displaced their confidence in him. He long since squandered a fortune of \$100,000 left him by his father.

J. V. GARDNER's dwelling near Duke Center, Pa., was consumed by fire the 4th, during the absence of himself and wife, and four children, aged from one to six years, who were left in the house, perished in the flames.

DEATHS IN 1893.

Over 14,000 People Killed by Accident in 1893, Not Including the Multitudes Swallowed Up by War and Revolution.

A YEAR OF DISASTERS.

The following figures in tabulated form the estimated loss of life by accident during the year:

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DEATHS IN 1893.

Over 14,000 People Killed by Accident in 1893, Not Including the Multitudes Swallowed Up by War and Revolution.

A YEAR OF DISASTERS.

The following figures in tabulated form the estimated loss of life by accident during the year:

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THE AVALANCHE.

W. PALMER, Editor and Proprietor

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THURSDAY, Jan. 19, 1884.

LOCAL ITEMS.

One, two, three—hop.

The Board of Supervisors meet next Monday.

M. J. Corbin has been in Lansing this week on legal business.

J. O. Hadley is banking a big pile of logs on the east side of the mill pond.

Boys.—Wednesday, Jan. 9, in this village, to Mrs. Charles Schellenbarger, a son.

J. M. Finn has sold his stock of logs to Salling, Hanson & Co., delivered in the boom.

Hill's Bala is acknowledged by all druggists as the best kidney medicine ever offered to the public.

Give the calves a little grain and extra care the first winter and they will pay you for it in next summer's growth.

Drunk.—In Grayling, Saturday, Jan. 12, 1884, Charles Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Salling, aged five months.

Coal stoves have been added to the heating apparatus of the school house and it is now thought school will continue with comfort for pupils and teachers.

What did "Uncle Joel" say when he saw Butler's New York paper, "Father Columbia," which nominates Butler and Reagan, and does not mention Beggs in any way?

Rye and oats ground together and mixed with twice their bulk of bran makes most excellent feed for dairy cows, increasing the flow of milk and quantity and quality of butter.

Judge Shubel F. White, Senator from the 25th district, having removed from the State will not be a nominee for re-election, and his place is already being actively canvassed for by parties who are anxious to serve the State.

If your pig-pens are cold and uncomfortable, pack a few feet of snow around the outside. It will keep out the wind and only cost a few minutes' work, and the pigs will grunt their satisfaction for the increased warmth.

We have not noticed the nomination of a Governor for this State in the last ten days. Is it possible that the action of Congress and the interest in free trade and protection theories are blinding our people to their local interests?

Farmers should remember that warmth of stock saves feed. A small opening to admit wind and snow into an ordinary stable costs from a half to a ton of hay each winter. Stop the drafts, and add to the comfort of the animals as well as your own.

A Roseconun dispatch says: "The board of supervisors of this county have compounded the default of ex-Treasurer Atherton for \$1,500. His shortage was about \$15,000, and the action of the board is denominated the 'biggest steal in northern Michigan.'" —B. C. Tribune.

In Hayes' camp, one day last week, Mr. Drummond drove a pevie pike through his foot, one of the teamsters caught his foot between a sleigh bank and stump, a loader got badly squeezed by a rolling log, and a chopperslashed his foot badly. Better be careful or worse one will get hurt.

The inclement weather of last Friday evening prevented a large attendance at the literary entertainment, but the few who were present were amply paid for the trouble. It is expected that there will be a full programme for next week Friday evening, and it is hoped the opera house will be filled.

Ice is reported of excellent quality in the lakes. How many of our citizens will avail themselves of the opportunity of securing this luxury for the soon coming heated term? In sickness, ice has come to be considered almost a necessity, and certainly nothing can be more grateful to a fever-tortured patient. It takes but a trifle of expense or trouble to get it and its benefits are many. No farmer certainly should be without it.

A number of our citizens have lost their house plants during the passage of the recent cold wave, and mourn accordingly. They require care and watchfulness and one night's neglect is ruin. Among others, the fine collection in the court house are demoralized, and it is currently reported that on the return of the sheriff's wife from her holiday visit she made John "Hum" for his neglect.

The Vassar Times describes a hotel which it saw in Herb Gray's restaurant, in that village—where the editor goes for brain food—and says it was found sizzling in a tree with the wood partly grown around it, on the banks of the Cass. The hatchet is of iron and on one side of it is stamped "A. N. Z. 1877." It is George Washington's hatchet, beyond a doubt, and the editor of the Times should secure it at once. George lost it when he was on his way to survey the present site of Bay City, as stated in Bancroft's History of the United States.—Ex.

Meers, Salling, Hanson & Co. will come out next week with a brand new "Avalanche" and read it.

Mr. E. E. Evans, Evangelist, will occupy the pulpit of the M. E. church next Sabbath, morning and evening.

Chat. Ingeborn will put 1,000 cords of wood on track for the use of engines on Salling, Hanson & Co.'s logging railway.

J. M. Finn has begun lumbering on Sec. 23, 27, 3. He has some fine timber and will make nearly a million by the banking ground.

A school in dancing and deportment was organized at the opera house last Tuesday evening under the instruction of Mr. Wild. There were eighteen pupils present.

The last number of the Ogema Herald is the first of Volume VI. It bears every evidence of prosperity, which it well deserves, and we trust it may long continue to wave.

The biggest load of wood we have yet seen was brought to this city yesterday by Mr. O. B. Johnson. It contained five cords of solid wood, and probably could not have been drawn on any other but the State of Maine sleigh. Sold by W. A. Masters.

A social club has been organized in the city, which will give a series of fortnightly hops this winter, and in addition hope to induce other entertainments to visit us for the entertainment of our citizens. D. London is treasurer and C. E. Strunk secretary.

Mr. J. C. Obeare has bought of Mr. Hanson the house and lot just south of Purchase's livery stable, and will move therein this week. Mr. Obeare is a first-class tailor, and any one in need of work in that line will do well to give him a call. He guarantees satisfaction.

J. K. Hanson, foreman, and J. J. Malten, engineer, of Salling, Hanson & Co.'s mill, with two helpers, took a sleighride yesterday morning to the logging railroad at Portage Lake for the purpose of disconnecting the boiler from the locomotive, which will be sent to the shops to be enlarged and repaired.

Some "bad boy" (undoubtedly) had a "strong desire" to read "Peck's Bad Boy," and not having the necessary funds wherewith to purchase a copy, concluded to steal one. C. E. Strunk is the loser. That bad boy will find himself a boarder in the Hotel de Hum, one of these fine cool mornings if he don't look a "leedle odd."

Any one who may wish to subscribe for any paper (political, religious, or story) or magazine published in the United States or any foreign country, can save themselves the time, postage, and other expenses by doing so through the local agency of C. E. Strunk, who receives subscriptions at publishers' lowest prices, thereby, as stated above, saving you time, postage, postal note, etc. Call at his Novelty Store and get a classified list of all papers and magazines, with prices, etc. Subscriptions sent in to headquarters every Wednesday.

Do the ladies remember that the present cold weather and snow will last but a few weeks at furthest, and then comes the time for early flowers to perfume the sweet spring air? But the flowers will not come of themselves—the seed must be sown and care given, which they will repay a thousand fold. Now is the time to look over the catalogues and make your selections. In four weeks many kinds should be started, in hotbeds or in the window gardens that the budding buds may greet us in the early spring. Send to Jas. Vick, Rochester, N. Y., if you have not received his catalogue, for he is well-known and reliable, and will supply anything you may wish in seeds, bulbs or plants. A good plan is to form clubs so as to make the orders large as possible and thus secure the lowest prices.

CARD OF THANKS.—To the many neighbors and friends who have rendered us such kind and unremitting attention during the illness of our boy, and all possible assistance in the last sad moments, we return sincere and heartfelt thanks.

MR. AND MRS. N. SALLING.

THE COLD WAVE.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 6.—The thermometer at 4 this morning was 13 degrees above zero, the coldest weather in 135 years.

PETERSBURG, Jan. 6.—The thermometer last night in exposed places registered 5 below. The river is frozen and navigation impeded.

WHITEHALL (N. Y.) Jan. 6.—The thermometer at 7 this morning was 30 below.

VERMONT, (Vt.) Jan. 6.—The thermometer to-day was 36 below zero, the coldest day in 10 years.

NILES, Jan. 6.—The mercury dropped down to 20 degrees below zero this morning, and it is 4 below at 6 this evening.

HILLSDALE, Jan. 5.—We have had the fall amount of snow and cold that have been reported from other parts of the State and perhaps more. The mercury went down to 16 below last night. Sleighting is excellent, but the severe cold prevents its being improved.

HOMER, Jan. 5.—Thermometer 14 degrees below zero.

STEVENS, Jan. 5.—It is terribly cold here, the thermometer registering 23

below zero last night and 12 this morning. Business is nearly suspended on account of the extreme rigidity.

Grayling enjoys in about 12 inches of snow. The thermometer has registered 11 below zero one night only, and the average daily register for the past ten days is 15 above.

IT IS CURRENTLY REPORTED—

That C. E. Strunk has "come out the little end of the horn" by reason of his selling things so outrageously cheap, but such is not a fact, for he is "still on deck" and selling goods in his line as cheap as ever—at prices to suit the poor man's purse. Look at the following few prices he quotes:

5c account books for 2c.
10c account books for 5c.
25c cologne, "Lotia," for 15c.
25c cologne, "Miror," for 10c.
5c croquet books for 3c.
25c playing cards for 15c.
10c metal-back combs for 5c.
25c dominoes for 15c.
10c ink, Carter's, raven black, 5c.
5c pipes—red clay, wooden stem, 2c.
20c paperpie, 25c envelopes and 2c sheets paper, 10c.
25c silver vases for 10c.
25c gold vases for 10c.
25c lap shaver blades for 10c.
25c scrap albums for 10c.
Half-dozen different styles of handkerchiefs for 5c and 10c that invariably sell for 10c and 20c.
Half dozen different kinds of toilet soaps which invariably sell for 10c for 5c.
25 first-class envelopes and 2c sheets 6-10 note paper for 15c; invariably sells for 25c and more.
Fine quality legal cap at 2c per quire.
And a lot of other articles at proportionately low prices.
Call and see.

GRAND ARMY ENCAMPMENT.

Says the Detroit Free Press: "The sixth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will convene at Detroit, January 28th and 29th, next, and Fairbanks Post No. 17, of this city, who will have in hand the entertainment of the visitors, wish to do everything in their power to sustain the city's reputation for hospitality. There will be an attendance of about six hundred delegates, comprising active business men from every large city and town in the State, besides. It is expected, at least 1,500 comrades from other States who will take the opportunity to visit Detroit. A large proportion of the expense of the encampment will fall upon the Detroit comrades, who will be assisted by many citizens who were not soldiers. A careful estimate of expenses has been made, and it is found that \$3,000 will cover the amount needed. Harmonie Hall has been secured for two days, and Senator Palmer has kindly consented the use of Merrill Hall."

ADVICE TO DEMOCRATS.

No Michigan Democrat will question the Democracy of the New York World and the free trade fanatics who are disposed to denounce the Evening Journal because it is opposed to the suicidal policy of such trimmers as Maybury and Yule; are invited to peruse the following extracts from a leading editorial in the World of Monday. We commend these utterances to those Democrats who question the wisdom of the Evening Journal in opposing against any tariff movement in the direction of free trade. With the Senate and President in opposition we can do absolutely nothing toward reducing taxation. They stand in the path, impassable barriers. The Senate will reject any House bill changing the Republican tariff. The President has avowed himself against reducing the revenue or the treasury surplus.

Yet many earnest, faithful and honest Democrats insist on agitating tariff revision, and talk about the "want of courage" on the part of those who recognized the absurdity and impolicy of wasting time over an impossibility.

It is not a "want of courage" to refuse to dash out your brains against a stone wall. It is a want of common sense to try the experiment.

Is it more important that sugar shall be cheapened than that the Supreme Court shall be purified by driving from the bench any Judge whose seat may have been purchased?

To make free trade the issue in the next Presidential campaign would not be "courage." It would be insanity.

The Republicans could afford to pay the Democracy the Treasury surplus for the next four years, if the latter would give them a tariff issue for the Presidential contest, instead of the issue whether the people still have the power to elect the President the majority desires.

What fatuity to talk of a tariff issue while this vital question is undecided! What stupidity to shoot in the air over a precluded and impossible tariff, when the Democratic aim ought to be direct at the heart of incipient treason and ripe corruption!

The ice bridges across the straits of Mackinac is apparently established for winter. Teams are now crossing with the mails and passengers. The Algonquian is lighting her way to St. Ignace from Mackinac City and will make a strenuous effort to keep the passage open.

The M. C. R. Co. contemplates building a steamer for crossing the Mackinaw Straits which will carry a whole train of cars, to be used only during the regular shipping season.

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